

REMARKS

Applicant has considered all points made by the examining attorney in the Office Action and has responded to same in order to ensure compliance with the applicable rules.

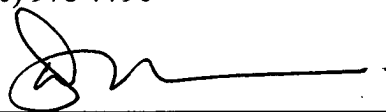
The examining attorney has determined that claims 3-5 and 8 are allowable over the prior art of record if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has so rewritten claims 3-5 and 8 and thanks the examining attorney for the allowed claims. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 3 and is, therefore, allowable; as is claim 7 which depends from claim 6. Claims 9-12 have been amended to ultimately depend from allowable claim 8 and are therefore allowable.

It is submitted that the proposed amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and should therefore be entered, and with their entry that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action therefore is respectfully requested.

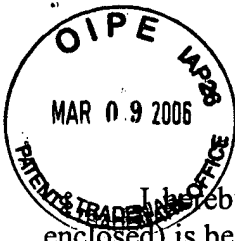
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